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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 14, 2001, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments and consideration of the accompanying remarks. Marked up copies of the amended claims are attached to this Response on a separate sheet entitled Version with Markings to Show Changes. An Assignment, Assignment Transmittal Form and a Terminal Disclaimer are filed concurrent with this Response. Additionally, please provide any extensions of time that may be necessary and charge any fees that may be due to Deposit Account No. 23-3030, but do not include any payment of issue fees that are or may become due.